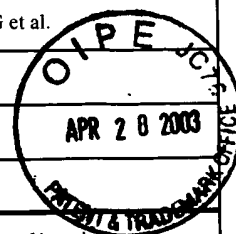


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 09/228,658
Filing Date January 12, 1999
First Named Inventor H. PRINZING et al.
Group Art Unit 1731
Examiner Name D. Walls
Attorney Docket Number P17233



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Submission under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Request for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00 enclosed
- b. ☒ If payment in the appropriate amount is not enclosed, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this paper, including the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (e), any extension of time fees (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) necessary to render the RCE timely, and any suspension fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

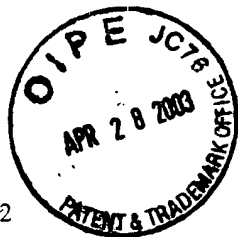
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Filed : January 12, 1999

For : PRESS DEVICE AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified RCE application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 20, 21, and 34 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended claims are attached to the Appendix):

1. (Twice amended) A press device for treating a fibrous material web comprising:

a shoe press unit, said shoe press unit comprising a flexible press belt that revolves around a non-rotating carrier;

a counter roll, said counter roll comprising a deflection compensation roll with a roll